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TAGS: PFOR, AO, GB, US

SUBJ: BONGO REQUESTS ARMS FOR SELF AND ANGOLA

REF: STATE 274473

SUMMARY. BONGO AGREES TO MEETING WITH ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY IN KINSHASA. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE IN MY TRAVEL TO KINSHASA TO JOIN IN MEETING AND/OR CONSULT WITH ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT BONGO EXTREMELY PLEASED AT INTERIM RESPONSE REFTEL AND WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS HIS REQUESTS FURTHER WITH ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY DURING THEIR RESPECTIVE VISITS TO KINSHASA.

2. BONGO SCHEDULED ARRIVE KINSHASA 1100 LOCAL ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, AND LEAVE SOMETIME TUESDAY MORNING. HE SUGGESTS ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING BE MADE THROUGH GABONESE EMBASSY IN KINSHASA, PERHAPS FOR SOMETIME SUNDAY AFTERNOON, BUT ADDED THAT HE AND AMBASSADOR MULCAHY CAN ALWAYS "GO OFF INTO CORNER" AT ONE OF PUBLIC EVENTS IF NO SEPARATE MEETING FEASIBLE BECAUSE OF TIGHT GOZ SCHEDULING.

3. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, I WOULD BE DELIGHTED JOIN AMBASSADOR MULCAHY IN KINSHASA. SINCE NEXT FLIGHT

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AVAILABLE FROM LIBREVILLE IS SUNDAY EVENING (RK160

ARRIVING 2015), I WOULD MISS ANY MEETING WITH BONGO
SET FFOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON BUT WOULD BE ABLE SIT IN WERE
SESSION TO BE SCHEDULED ON MONDAY. IN ANY EVENT, OPPOR-
TUNITY TO REVIEW DEPARTMENT POSITION FIRSTHAND WITH
ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE MY
ABILITY TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE WITH PRESIDENT ON THIS
SUBJECT.

4. FOR KINSHASA: PENDING DEPARTMENT REACTION, WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING TENTATIVE RESERVATION FOR SUNDAY
AND MONDAY NIGHTS. WOULD PROPOSE RETURN TO LIBREVILLE
TUESDAY VIA DOUALA. STEIGMAN

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